

AGENDA

SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Roll Call - Determination of a quorum present.
- B. Introductions by Chairperson
- C. Confidentiality statement presented
- D. Changes in Agenda:
 - 1. Does any member, coordinator, or visitor wish to change the agenda?
 - 2. Does any guest wish to speak on an agenda item?

II. MINUTES

- A. Corrections or changes for the minutes of the January 2009 meeting.
- B. Approval

III. COMMUNICATIONS: Guardianship training April 21, 2009.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. New complaints -

09-050-9008 - a student with an IEP was progressing; although she had problems with tardiness. An IEP was scheduled for December and the family notified the school that they could not attend; because the parents did not expect dramatic changes in programming or the IEP, they agreed to allow the meeting to proceed without their participation. After the meeting, the parents were notified that the student's placement was changed to a special school for students with behavioral problems. The family has requested another IEP meeting to be convened so that they may discuss the change of placement and ask the school to allow the student education in the least restrictive setting.

09-050-9010 - a facility contacted the guardian to schedule a special Individual treatment plan meeting to discuss discharge because the facility says it cannot meet the needs of the consumer. This all came up after the guardian asked the administrator to provide the name and address of the company that owns the facility. The guardian was dissatisfied that the facility had not kept an appointment for the ward with a neurologist that she (the guardian) had made 3 or 4 months ago. There is no known reason for discharge and it appears that the facility

suggests discharge as an attempt at retribution toward the family.

09-050-9011 - the complaint states that staff violates human rights when they make off colored remarks about consumers. The staff has referred to him as punk, fag and sissy. When the complainant was referred to the office of inspector general, he stated that the staff and OIG staff eat lunch together every day and he is not confident that OIG would ever provide an unbiased investigation.

09-050-9012 - a facility implemented the use of bar code scanners to complete 15 minute face checks. Consumers state that the repeated invasion of personal space is perplexing and uncomfortable and not within the realm of adequate and humane treatment.

B. Other new business - training of newly appointed HRA volunteers request to cancel or reschedule meeting set for April 28, 2009.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Case progress reports

1. 09-050-9007 - Mental Health Center's of Western Illinois
2. 09-050-9009 - Memorial Hospital Emergency Room

B. Reports of Findings

1. 06-050-9023 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - computers
2. 06-050-9024 - Andrew McFarland Mental Health Center - safe environment

C. Case Closures

1. 08-050-9001 - Jacksonville Developmental Center - one on one
2. 08-050-9008 - Blessing Hospital - communications
3. 09-050-9002 - Logan Mason Rehabilitation - visitation
4. 09-050-9004 - Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center - admission

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

A. Set next meeting (March 24, 2009 at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health Center)

B. Schedule site visits

C. Comments from the public

VII. ADJOURNMENT